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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, GH, UR

SUBJECT: REPORTED GHANIAN PETROLEUM SHORTAGE

REF: STATE 214842 NOTAL

1. ONLY RECENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY ABOUT GHANIAN ATTEMPTS OBTAIN CRUDE DIRECTLY FROM NIGERIA IS NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW PUBLISHED OCTOBER 3 IN ENUGU FOLLOWING A VISIT TO EAST CENTRAL STATE BY THE GHANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NIGERIA. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING GHANA IS NEGOTIATING TO BUY CRUDE OIL FROM NIGERIA. PAPER GAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION BUT HEADED ARTICLE "GHANA TO BUY CRUDE OIL FROM NIGERIA."

2. COMMENT: THERE WERE REPORTS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT GHANA AND OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE TRYING OBTAIN CRUDE BY DIRECTNEGOTIATION WITH FMG, AND AT ONE POINT FMG IS SAID TO HAVE PROMISED MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR THEIR NEEDS. ONLY RECENTLY HAS FMG (OR RATHER THE STATE OIL CORPORATION, NNOC) STARTED NEGOTIATING IN EARNEST FOR SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF OIL AVAILABLE NEXT JANUARY AND THEREAFTER. GHANIAN REQUEST,

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LIKE LIBERIAN (SEE MONROVIA 5329), IS NOW APPARENTLY ON

VERY, VERY LONG LIST OF POTENTIAL BUYERS, AND WHAT
SPECIAL PRIORITY IT IS RECEIVING, EMBASSY CANNOT KNOW (SEE
LAGOS 8687).
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